

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 138 - SB 1053

March 25, 2021

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the General Assembly (GA) to convene for session during the month of September in each odd-numbered year. Authorizes the GA to consider all bills and resolutions filed prior to adjournment of the first annual session, 99 new bills and resolutions under certain circumstances filed for the September session, and other matters deemed appropriate by the GA. Establishes that the September session must be funded through the existing GA budget for legislative session. Prohibits campaign fundraising during the September session.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$531,400/FY21-22 and Every Two Years Thereafter

Assumptions:

- The September session will convene on the Tuesday following Labor Day and adjourn no later than September 30.
- It is assumed there will be no legislative procedures on Fridays during the September session.
- An average of 15 additional days of session in each odd-numbered year.
- Members of the GA that live within 50 miles of the state capital receive \$61 in per diem and receive daily mileage for travel to and from the capital.
- Members of the GA that live greater than 50 miles from the state capital receive \$295 in per diem and receive weekly mileage for each week's round trip.
- According to Legislative Administration, 35 members (10 Senate + 25 House of Representatives) live within 50 miles of the capital. 97 members (23 Senate + 74 House of Representatives) live greater than 50 miles from the capital.
- An increase in per diem expenditures for 15 additional days of session of \$461,250 [(35 x \$61 x 15 days) + (97 x \$295 x 15 days)].
- The average daily mileage reimbursement for members who live within 50 miles of the capital is \$21.34.
- The average weekly reimbursement for members who live greater than 50 miles from the capital is \$151.84.
- An increase in mileage reimbursement for 15 days of session over a 4-week period of \$70,117 [(35 x \$21.34 x 15 days) + (97 x \$151.84 x 4 weeks)].
- A total recurring increase in state expenditures for per diem and mileage reimbursement, beginning in FY21-22 and every two years thereafter, of \$531,367 (\$461,250 + 70,117).

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-10-310, fund raising is prohibited during organizational session, general session, and any extraordinary session for members of the GA, the Governor, and political campaign committees.
- Applying the existing campaign funding prohibitions during session to include the September session will not result in a significant fiscal impact to state or local government.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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